

REMARKS/DISCUSSION:

By this Response C, claims 21-25 and 27-32 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-20 and 26 have been previously canceled.

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Office Action. This Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Rejection under Double Patenting

Claims 21-25, 27-31 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. A terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith.

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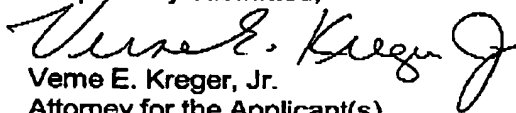
Conclusion

Applicant submits that in view of the terminal disclaimer, the rejections have been overcome and that the invention is now patentable over the cited prior. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider all rejections and pass this case to issue.

Should any minor points remain prior to issuance of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Account No. 10-0750/END-736/VEK.

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